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EMPEROR'S YACHT LAUNCHED TO-DAY

MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT CHRISTENED THE BOAT

Prince Henry and President of the United States Present When the Meteor Took the Water.

(Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 25.—The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 a.m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Prince's train a few moments after 8 o'clock.

A cylinder head on the engine of the Prince's train blew out that train was more than an hour late in reaching Jersey City. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore. The stalled train was pushed into Magnolia, Md., by a passenger train and there got a new engine.

Soon after three o'clock the President and the Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's Island, where the launching takes place.

The Meteor Launched.
New York, Feb. 25.—In a drizzling rain, and in the presence of a brilliant assemblage, amidst cheering and the roar of cannon, the German Emperor's schooner yacht Meteor was launched from Shooter's Island to-day. Unlike the weather, the arrangements were perfect and no untoward accident marred the occasion. The vessel went gracefully into the water with the American flag flying at the foremast. The American and German national airs were played and from the scores of craft containing excursionists came enthusiastic cheering. Miss Roosevelt wore a dress of sapphire blue velvet, a large black hat trimmed with ostrich feathers and a fur muff and bag.

President Roosevelt and Prince Henry arrived at Shooter's Island at 9:20. They were received with cheers by those present and the Presidential and Imperial salutes of 21 guns each were fired. Shooter's Island, in anticipation of the arrival of the distinguished visitors, presented the appearance of a military encampment rather than the scene of an event of international courtesy. Two battalions of naval militia, the island at 8 o'clock and were posted at various points between the landing stage and the scene of the launching. They were supplemented later by a squad of petty officers and sailors from the Hohenzollern, who, though not under arms, presented a military aspect. Police swarmed everywhere over the little island and out in the bay revenue cutters, naval tugboats, patrol boats, manned by naval militia and blue coats, darted about to keep the excursion fleet back of an imaginary line.

The party proceeded directly from the ferry boat to the stand which had been erected at the shore end of the ways on which the Meteor rested. The President and Prince, with Mrs. Roosevelt, arrived on the platform at 10:22. The Prince conducted Miss Roosevelt to the small platform immediately under the bow of the boat. On this platform, at the time of the launching, were President Roosevelt, Prince Henry, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, the Mayor of New York, and Ambassador Von Holleben.

Exactly at 10:20 Miss Roosevelt broke the champagne bottle, saying: "In the name of the German Emperor, I christen the Meteor." Guns roared, bands played and the great cheering lasted for several minutes. The Prince handed a bouquet to Miss Roosevelt, and then raising his hat, in a few words acknowledged the cheering of those on the main platform.

The launch occurred without mishap. The President's daughter lifted a silver mounted hatchet and struck the rope. It parted cleanly and down came the weights. The vessel flew up and out. The yacht trembled, started forward and then slid slowly down into the water safely and brought up in the middle of the Kill-von-Null without accident.

Prince Henry and Miss Roosevelt were then photographed. The Prince presented Miss Roosevelt with a silver cup filled with champagne. She also wore it on her arm as she stood before the camera with the Prince.

Soon after the yacht had reached the water the Prince wrote a cablegram to the Emperor informing him that the Meteor had been successfully launched. The cablegram was in German, and translated was as follows:

"The German Emperor, Berlin: Yacht just launched under brilliant auspices, christened by Miss Roosevelt's hand. Beautiful craft. Great enthusiasm. I congratulate you with all my heart, Heinrich."

Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall, where luncheon had been prepared. The health of the Prince was drunk, and the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, in turn called for three cheers for Prince Henry. The cheers were given. The Presidential party and the Prince and his suite did not remain for the luncheon.

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NEW MINISTER WAS SWORN IN TO-DAY

SENATOR TEMPLEMAN ENTERS THE CABINET

Opposition Caucus Arranges Work for Session—Number of Delegations at the Capital.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. William Templeman, Senator for British Columbia, was sworn in to-day a member of the cabinet, without portfolio for the present, to represent British Columbia. Lord Minto administered the oath in his office in the eastern block. The newly made minister was receiving congratulations this afternoon from his colleagues in parliament and numerous friends here.

There was a caucus of the opposition to-day when E. Gas Porter, M. P., Hastings, presided. The principal business done was to cut out work for the session. A sub-committee was struck to deal with certain matters which it is intended to bring up in parliament.

Delegations.
There is a batch of delegations here. The boot and shoe manufacturers and leather men and retail dealers are asking for an increase of ten per cent. The beet sugar industry are asking countervailing duties against all countries that impose a bounty on sugar. They also want the time extended for admitting free machinery used in the manufacture of beet root sugar, and in addition to this they asked an adjustment of existing duties in sugar. Woolmen men are also here wanting more protection.

Supreme Court Vacancy.
Mr. S. Perry Miller's name is also mentioned in connection with the vacant position on the bench.

Favor Gordon Hunter.
All the Liberal members from British Columbia had an interview with Hon. Clifford Sifton to-day regarding the appointment of a Chief Justice for the province. They were unanimous in recommending that Gordon Hunter be given the position. At first Mr. Hunter was only spoken of here as a possible judge; now he stands a good chance of being Chief Justice.

SICK MARINES.
United States Navy Hospital Ship Arrives From Asiatic Station.

(Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Feb. 25.—The United States navy hospital ship Solace arrived in port yesterday with 40 sick marines from the Asiatic station. She also brought 200 discharged soldiers and four prisoners.

PROBABLY LOST.
Sailing Vessel With Eighty Persons Aboard is Long Overdue.

(Associated Press.)
Calais, France, Feb. 25.—The maritime authorities have posted as lost the sailing vessel Jules Dean-Baptiste, bound for St. Malo, France, which has been long overdue. There were eighty persons on the vessel, including sixty passengers, mostly working people.

SEVEN KILLED.
Collision Between Passenger Train and a Steam Derrick.

(Associated Press.)
Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 25.—As the result of a collision on the Auburn branch of the New York Central, seven miles west of Auburn, between a west bound passenger train, No. 21, and a steam derrick late last night, seven trainmen are dead and two others mangled.

The capacity of the new Canadian Pacific shops at Montreal will be 120 locomotives per year and from 20,000 to 25,000 cars per year.

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Mr. Martin—"I say that is not true." Mr. McBride, continuing, said that he felt like apologizing to the reverend gentleman who read the prayers for the exhibition which Mr. Martin had made. If the press were not prepared to give a fair report he thought some steps should be taken to regulate the press gallery.

Mr. Curtis also complained of the unfairness of the report. The member for Vancouver was the first to employ physical force. Mr. Curtis proceeded to describe how Mr. Martin disturbed prayers by snatching the seat of the member for Dewdney, which Mr. Martin asked what business it was of Mr. Curtis's to interfere.

Mr. Curtis retorted that if he was in a church and saw a member trying to appropriate the property of another he would be justified in interfering. There was only one way to meet the tactics of the member for Vancouver, and that was with his own medicine, and he gave him notice that if he (the speaker) was interfered with he would resent it.

Mr. McPhillips also denied the accuracy of the report, and corroborated Mr. Curtis's statement that the overt act was first committed by the member for Vancouver. The statements in the Colonist which, so far as they related to himself, were false. An editorial had been based on them. That unfair act had been committed by Mr. Martin during prayers, and it was unfair that the responsibility for it should be attached to anyone else but the offender.

Mr. Oliver complained that the member for Rossland behaved like an automaton, and wanted to compel those with whom he disagreed to go across to the other side of the chamber. He charged that Mr. Curtis had moved Mr. Martin's desk from its proper place.

Mr. Curtis explained that he found Mr. Martin's desk in the place of that which he should occupy, and immediately pushed it out on the floor of the House.

Continuing, Mr. Oliver thought the matter should drop. He thought the question of privilege had been raised to fester the blame on Mr. Martin.

Mr. McPhillips—"Where it belongs." Mr. Martin said, and the matter dropped.

The House afterwards adjourned until Monday at 2 o'clock at the request of the Premier.

TWO BODIES FOUND.
Remains of Victims of Colliery Disaster Taken From Extension Mine.


(Special to the Times.)
Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—The management of the Wellington Colliery Company are pushing forward the work in the stopes which have been closed for months. Parties who have reached water in both No. 3 and No. 2 stopes, of Extension mine, find it cool. Two bodies have been recovered from No. 2 and taken to the surface. Coroner Davis, of this city, has gone out to hold an inquest, however.

Shifts of about fifteen men each are pushing forward work in the stopes and are meeting with much less in the way of obstruction than they anticipated.

Bodies Identified.
The bodies of the men found in No. 2 stopes, Extension, are those of David Griffith and Geo. Southcomb. From the place they were found it is evident that had they reached a point 50 feet from where they were at the time of the fire they would have been saved.

THIRTEEN INDICTMENTS.
(Associated Press.)
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Thirteen indictments, charging grand larceny, have been returned by the grand jury against Philip Gerst, formerly city treasurer, who was removed from office by Mayor Duff for misappropriating public funds. When arraigned Gerst pleaded not guilty, and was released on \$10,000 bail. The amount Gerst is charged with misappropriating is \$38,061.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

UNSEEMLY CONDUCT ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Hours Wasted in a Struggle for a Seat—No Business Transacted at Yesterday's Session.

Press Gallery, February 24th.

The legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia has witnessed many historic scenes from the days of Governor Douglas until the memorable day in which its members withdrew in a body while ex-Governor Melnes read the Queen's Speech to empty benches, but it is safe to say that it never witnessed a more childish, or more disgraceful spectacle than that which elicited cries of "shame" from the galleries this afternoon. For three hours the public business of the country was allowed to stand while the legislators, gravely debating whether Messrs. McBride or Martin should occupy a certain chair, and the two members solved the difficulty by occupying one the chair and the other the desk to which the chair belonged. But before that stage was reached the devotion of the House was interrupted by a most unseemly spectacle, which precluded a scene of violence fortunately without parallel in the history of the House.

The report this afternoon brought the proceedings to a point where Mr. Martin scratched the seat occupied by Mr. McBride, while prayers were in progress, Mr. Curtis, who sat next to Mr. McBride, is slightly out of hearing, but it seems as quick as any man in the House. He saw that the question narrowed down to one of physical force, and he attempted to jerk the chair from his former holder. The chair, however, hung on tenaciously, while Mr. McBride took care that his big body intervened as much as possible between the chair occupied by Mr. Martin and the desk which he desired to use. All this was taking place while Rev. Canon Beaudry was invoking Divine blessing, and aid in the conduct of the business of the House.

As the prayers proceeded the member for Rossland pushed his own chair forward in a position in which it could be occupied by Mr. McBride when the latter required to use it again. The member for Vancouver also did some "scratching," and as Rev. Canon Beaudry left the desk there was a scramble. Mr. Martin hung on to his seat, and presently Mr. Curtis was seen with his hands on Mr. Martin's shoulders pushing him back from his position. Messrs. Melnes and Gilmour took a hand in the fracas, and began tugging at Smith Curtis, who showed no disposition to do other than see the fight to a finish. Seeing Mr. Curtis outnumbered the fighting blood of Mr. Curtis's staunch friend, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the athletic member for Nanaimo was aroused, and he was in the thick of it in a moment while cries of "shame" echoed from the galleries. Finally Mr. Martin got his seat, but Mr. McBride evened matters by taking his place on the desk, and addressing the Speaker from that coign of vantage.

The noisy debate which followed, served as a good index of the heated sentiments of some of the members on the left of the Speaker, for the government forces did not join in the controversy which took place. From it, as nearly as could be judged, an arrangement was reached during the forenoon in which Mr. Martin agreed to withdraw with his five followers to a place at the foot of the opposition row. Although his chair and desk was removed thither, those of his supporters had not been moved when he came into the chamber. Moreover, there had been a fitting of members from the government side, augmenting the opposition benches and completing those on the government side. This availed the opposition side until Mr. Martin thought that there was not sufficient room for himself and followers. He insisted that the arrangement had not been carried out and that he was therefore entitled to his old position opposite the government. Hence the trouble.

The trouble finally ended by the House ruling that the members take their places on the seats occupied by them last session, on a straight government-Martin vote of 19 to 16, and the House adjourned.

At 3 o'clock Messrs. Price Ellison and Martin moved that Mr. Pooley take the chair.

Mr. Helmecken—"For how long?"

Voices—"Till the end of the session."

The Clerk—"Are you ready for the question?"

Mr. McBride, rising, said that as leader of the opposition he had much

pleasure in seconding the motion. The members of the opposition had every confidence in Mr. Pooley's fitness for the position.

Mr. Pooley thanked the House for the honor, and expressed the hope that the proceedings would go forward amicably.

Rev. Canon Beaudry then advanced and read prayers, during which the unseemly snatching of his seat took place.

As soon as order was restored, Mr. McBride rose and said he did not wish to be a party to any unseemly action. He had taken the seat assigned to him by the sergeant-at-arms, and as a leader of the opposition he intended to protect the rights which always belonged to the opposition in the House. He felt like apologizing to the House for the conduct of the member for Vancouver. He had been carried away by his violent and uncontrollable temper. All that he (the speaker) wanted was the place which had been assigned the leader of the opposition by usage and custom. Mr. Martin could not in any way be regarded as the leader of the opposition. He had time and again stated that he was supporting Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Martin—"I said no such thing."

Mr. McBride—"You stated it at New Westminster when you were supporting the government candidate there. You stated it also in an interview given to the Victoria Times."

Mr. Curtis said that from time immemorial the leader of the opposition had a right to the seat occupied by Mr. McBride. He felt he could speak as a disinterested party, because while he opposed the government he was not a follower of Mr. McBride. If it narrowed down to who was the leader of the opposition, he thought that certainly the man having the largest following in opposition was entitled to the seat over any other. He knew only too well that Mr. Martin deserted the opposition and went over to the government. He had heard him in New Westminster urge the people there to support the government candidate.

Moreover he had given an interview in the Victoria Times in which he had said that he was no longer leader of the opposition, and that there was no opposition now excepting perhaps Smith Curtis and E. C. Smith.

Mr. Martin—"I never saw the interview, but it is not correct."

Mr. Curtis replied that he had the assurance of the man who took the interview that it was correct, and could give his evidence on that point.

Mr. McBride also held that Mr. Martin was not warranted in taking the place of the leader of the opposition. He recited the custom in the English House and in the Commons. Mr. McBride had his seat moved to its present position by the sergeant-at-arms, and was merely asserting his customary right in doing so. He read the rules of the English House, that a member must be in his place at prayers if he desired to occupy that seat. Mr. McBride was in his place at prayers, Mr. Martin was not, that alone conceded a reason for his having the seat. If Mr. Martin was not the leader of the opposition he was then not entitled to the second place to the left of the Speaker.

Mr. Martin said the circumstance had not altered the position.

Mr. McBride—"I take a point of order. According to the rules of the House he must speak from his place in the House. He does not occupy his seat."

The Speaker ruled that the point was still in dispute.

Mr. Martin said that when Mr. McBride had said that it would be incumbent on one side and Mr. Curtis to the left, he had said he was agreeable to move if his followers moved with him. He had not had time to see his followers, but found on entering the House that Mr. McBride had forcibly taken possession of his place. He said he wanted to leave his chair, the only seat which he knew in the House, till the matter was settled.

Mr. Oliver complained that the opposition sought to take the seats and the caucus room of the old opposition. Mr. Curtis's followers had consented "to a change in the seating. But who ever undertook to change the seats brought over all the desks they could in order to crowd Mr. Martin and his followers to the very foot of the chamber. Mr. Curtis had done something that no respectable man would do, by attempting to jerk away the chair of the member for Vancouver."

Mr. Curtis—"I take a point of order. The first man to do that was the member for Vancouver, who forcibly took the chair of the member for Dewdney."

Mr. Oliver said he had his opinion of the man who would try and take the seat of another. (Applause from the opposition and laughter.)

Mr. Oliver, concluding, said he was elected on a Martinite platform, and stood on those principles.

Mr. Houston asked, in view of the explanation of the member for Vancouver, if the so-called opposition had not acted in an unseemly manner. Mr. Martin had occupied his seat all morning. The member had been unfairly and unseemly treated. The men who had taken his seat had acted not like representatives of the people, but like ward healers.

Members—"Order, order."

Mr. Houston said they didn't know where the opposition would be tomorrow.

Mr. Curtis—"Better be sure where you are yourself."

Mr. Houston said that he was elected as a provincial party man, and stood where he had always stood. Had the people of the province witnessed the affairs of the House they would say the members were unfit to represent them.

Mr. Melnes said that the incident had given him the gratification of seeing the arms of the member for Rossland about the neck of the member for Vancouver. Moreover he had seen the member for Dewdney on the knee of the member for Vancouver. It was a good type of the relative abilities of the men. The member for Vancouver might even yet be constrained to take the member for Dewdney across his knee. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Melnes recalled a parallel when there was a Beaven and Brown party in the House, each in opposition to the government, although the Brown party far outnumbered the Beaven. There were two to one in the number of seats. The Brown party had quickly become a government, while the so-called opposition would never do so.

Mr. McBride—"Wait and see."

He denied that this new opposition stood for any principle. The present leader of the opposition sits on the other side of the chamber, and the Martin opposition had fought him. He stood for the same principles to-day, yet he sat on the other side of the House. They were not a party, but a gang.

The member for Dewdney had claimed that he had a majority of the "there" very behind him. The first division had established that that statement was a reckless falsehood.

Mr. McBride took the point of order that a speech should not be made.

Mr. Melnes said that some members wanted the monopoly of blackguarding other honorable members.

It was asked that the expression be withdrawn. Mr. Melnes said that he would not apply the term personally, and a wrangle ensued. Mr. McBride and Mr. Curtis insisted that the term blackguard be withdrawn.

The Speaker asked Mr. Melnes to withdraw, and Mr. Melnes said he had not called a member of the House a blackguard, and hoped he never would have to. (Laughter.) Mr. Curtis had asked the Speaker if he called Mr. Melnes a liar and blackguard, if under the ruling he might come into the House and state that he had done so. As a member of fact he called him that, he never would come into the House again and do it. (Laughter.)

Continuing he said that Mr. McBride stated that he could defeat the government, yet he could not do it.

Mr. McBride—"With your vote."

The opposition had made claims for which they had no authority. They claimed that members were supporting the government and others were in opposition when these members were independent. Mr. Curtis had gone back on his principles.

Mr. Curtis—"One of my principles was to vote for government ownership of the Coast-Kootenay railway, and I voted for it, when the honorable gentleman voted against it." (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Melnes, continuing, made the House ring with his statement that he had done no such thing, but that the Loan Bill embodied the principles of the Martin party.

Concluding, Mr. Melnes thought Mr. McBride occupied an unseemly position sitting on the desk of another honorable gentleman, and he hoped he would withdraw like a gentleman.

Mr. McBride asked that this be withdrawn. Mr. Melnes had no right to suggest that anyone was not a gentleman.

Mr. McBride said Mr. O'Hara had placed his desk where it was, and he had usurped no one's place. He had always sought to observe the rules of the House and was doing so now.

Mr. Curtis, observing Mr. Melnes, said he had Mr. Martin by the throat.

Mr. Curtis—"I said that as a joke, but I think that literally I have him there all right."

Mr. Stables thought that the under-lying cause of the trouble was the following facts: to take the front and rear seats at the end of the opposition desks. When they entered the House they found that not one of their desks had been moved, excepting that of Mr. Martin. They were willing to change if they were given the seats arranged for them before the opening of the House.

Hon. D. M. Eberts said that as no arrangement could be arrived at, he suggested that the House adjourn when the difference might be brought before them before the opening of the House.

Mr. Martin said no arrangement could be reached now.

Mr. Eberts said he thought an arrangement could be reached satisfactory to all concerned, but if he would withdraw his suggestion.

The Speaker said he thought he had some persuasive powers, and if an adjournment was made he thought he could settle the matter.

Mr. Martin replied that no persuasion on the Speaker's or any other else's part could alter the fact that all negotiations were off, and he and his followers would consider no negotiations.

Mr. McBride observed that in his presence Mr. Martin had agreed to take three seats at the front and two seats behind them at the end of the opposition row.

Mr. Martin said that Mr. Helmecken had not given up his seat, hence the arrangement was off.

Mr. McBride replied that Mr. Helmecken had agreed and that he had so advised the sergeant-at-arms. If the other desks were not moved, it was because the work was not completed.

The Speaker said the Speaker had no authority to seat members. It must be done by vote of the House.

Mr. McBride moved that the seat occupied by the member for Dewdney be accorded him, namely the second seat to the left of the Speaker. He thought they should proceed in a seemly fashion. Mr. Hall thought the trouble could be settled by the junior member for Victoria vacating his seat. If he would retire in a gentlemanly manner, it could all be settled.

The Speaker said he was informed by the sergeant-at-arms that he had placed the seats of the member for Dewdney, for Vancouver and the member for Rossland in consecutive order.

Another statement was made by Mr. Martin, another by Mr. McBride, and then Mr. Curtis drew attention to the position that would occur if Mr. Dewdney being defeated, and another mem-

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her selected to succeed him, persisted in taking his place as Premier.

Mr. Melnes moved an amendment that the first part of the resolution be struck out, and that the words "the members hold the seats occupied by them last session until they mutually agree to change them."

Mr. McBride objected to this. He believed the sergeant-at-arms was being instructed by the Provincial Secretary, when he came to ask for a plan whereby to seat the opposition members. He had furnished the chart and the arrangement arising out of that should be observed.

The Provincial Secretary said that he was not aware that the sergeant-at-arms was under his direction. He recapitulated the terms of the arrangement, and said it had all been thrown out of joint by Mr. Helmecken's refusal to accede to it.

Mr. McBride pointed out that if Mr. Melnes's amendment carried, Mr. McBride would not have to take his seat as a member of the government.

Mr. Helmecken said that at first he objected to moving his seat, but later had told his leader that he was willing to sit anywhere, even on the floor.

Mr. Hunter wanted to know if the Speaker was prepared to call on the sergeant-at-arms to eject Mr. Martin if the motion carried? The sergeant-at-arms had no authority to move any seats in the Chamber. He wanted Mr. Curtis to give up his seat.

Mr. Curtis pointed out that Messrs. Gilmour and Melnes had prided themselves on the fact that no one knew whether they were in opposition or not. Therefore if the so-called leader of the opposition, Mr. Martin, was really in opposition, he could count on only three followers. If the amendment passed, it would force those who had deserted the government to return there.

A. W. Smith moved the adjournment of the debate, but this was negatively overruled.

The question was then taken on the amendment, as follows: that the words proposed to be struck out stand part of the question. The vote was as follows: Ayes—Messrs. McBride, Melnes, Gilmour, Martin, Moberg, Munn, Taylor, Fulton, Helmecken, E. C. Smith, Hawthornthwaite, Neill, Gifford, Haywood, Gorden—16.

Nays—Messrs. Martin, Melnes, Gilmour, Stables, Oliver, Houston, Prentiss, Dunsmuir, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Gilmour, Clifford, Kidd, Wells, Hall, Rogers, Humber, Dickie, Mounce—19.

The motion was negatived on the same division.

The House then adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

By Mr. Tatlow, on Wednesday: That an order of the House be granted for a return giving an abstract of the receipts and expenditure of the province for the half-year ending 31st December, 1901.

By Mr. Murphy, on Wednesday: That an order of the House be granted for copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member thereof, and any person, and of all reports with regard to the employment of provincial constables on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway during the trackmen's strike in the months of June and July, 1901.

By Mr. Curtis, on Wednesday: That a return be made to the House of the decision given by Mr. John Keen in the matter of the assessment and taxation of the ore output of the Le Roi and other mines at Rossland, British Columbia, together with a copy of the evidence before Mr. Keen.

By Mr. Curtis, on Wednesday: That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of the orders-in-council passed since the first day of September, 1901, appointing Honorable J. D. Prentiss Acting Provincial Secretary, and D. M. Eberts Acting Minister of Mines, and copies of the notices of such appointments appearing in the Official Gazette.

Questions.

Mr. Tatlow on Wednesday will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works how many applications were received in the recent allotment of Burnaby small holdings? How many small holdings were allotted?

Mr. Tatlow will ask the Minister of Finance at what price were the provincial bonds purchased by the trustees for the sinking in January last?

Mr. Murphy will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Who was the contractor for the construction of the court house at Princeton? 2. Who were the bondsmen for said contractor? 3. What was the original amount for which said contract was let? 4. What was the total amount paid for the construction of said building? 5. In how many instalments was said amount paid? 6. On what date, and to whom, was the last instalment paid? 7. If any instalment was assigned, by whom was such

assignment made, and to whom? On what date? 8. When was the building taken over by the government? 9. By whom was it taken over?

Mr. Fulton will ask the Minister of Finance has any loan been arranged yet under the provisions of the Loan Act, or any preliminary steps taken to arrange same? If so, what amount has been arranged for, and at what rate of interest, or what preliminaries have been taken?

Mr. Fulton will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works: 1. Has Mr. A. C. Shaw, your foreman at Salmon Arm, been dismissed? 2. If so, for what reason? 3. Who has been appointed in his place?

Mr. Curtis will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works whether the Mr. S. A. Rogers, stated by him, the Honorable Chief Commissioner, on the 32nd April, 1901, in answer to a question of Mr. Martin, to be the lessee of certain government lands, is the Mr. S. A. Rogers who sits in this House as one of the members for the electoral district of Cariboo?

Mr. Curtis will ask the Premier: 1. Upon what date did the Hon. John Cunningham Brown tender his resignation as Provincial Secretary? 2. When was his resignation accepted? 3. Has any successor been appointed? 4. If so, who and when? 5. Has such appointment been gazetted, and if so, when? Upon what date did the Honorable Richard McBride tender his resignation as Minister of Mines? 7. When was his resignation accepted? 8. Has any successor been appointed? 9. If so, who and when? 10. Has such appointment been gazetted, and if so, when? 11. Has the Honorable D. M. Eberts been appointed Acting Minister of Mines? 12. If so, has he been gazetted as such? 13. If not, why not? 14. Is Honorable J. D. Prentiss now acting as Acting Provincial Secretary? 15. If so, what is the name of the Provincial Secretary in whose place he is so acting?

Mr. Gorden will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works what companies, if any, have availed themselves of the conditions of the "Wood Pulp Act"? If any, where are the works to be built, and the location and extent of the limits granted?

Mr. Gorden will ask the Premier: Will the government introduce a bill to convey to the city of Vancouver their rights to such portion of the False Creek delta which at the present time have not been granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway?

Mr. Gorden will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works what amount has been expended to date on the Provincial Reformatory: 1st, on the road and clearing of site; 2nd, on the foundation of building; 3rd, and whether it is the intention of the government to push to completion at an early date this urgent public work?

Trade Union Bill.

Mr. Curtis' bill respecting actions against trades unions provides that no trade union, whether registered or not, nor any kind of voluntary association of workmen, artisans, laborers or employees, shall be joined, nor shall it or its funds be liable in damages for any threat or act of intimidation or conspiracy made, done or caused to be made or done by any officer, member, agent or servant of such union or association; but the foregoing provision shall not relieve any such officer, member, agent or servant for any such act, if he would be otherwise liable in damages or to be joined for the same.


No such trade union or association shall be joined, nor shall any officer, member, agent or servant of such union or association, nor any other person, be joined, nor shall it or its funds, nor any such officer, member, agent, servant or other person, be made liable in damages for communicating to any workman, artisan, laborer, employee or person, facts relating to employment or hiring by or with any employer, producer, or consumer or distributor of the products of labor, or the purchase of such products, or for persuading or endeavoring to persuade—by reasonable judgment, without unlawful threats, intimidation or other unlawful acts, such last named workman, artisan, laborer, employee or person, at the expiration of any existing contract, not to renew the same with, or to refuse to become, the employee or customer of any such employer, producer or consumer or distributor of the products of labor.

No such trade union or association, or its officer, member, agent or servant, or any other person, shall be joined, nor shall it or its funds be liable in damages for publishing information with regard to a strike or lock-out, or proposed or expected strike or lock-out, or for warning workmen, artisans, laborers or employees or other persons not to seek employment in the locality affected by such strike, lockout, labor grievance or trouble, or from purchasing, buying or consuming products produced or distributed by the employer of labor, party to such strike, lockout, labor grievance or trouble during its continuance.

This act shall be retrospective in effect, and be considered as declarative of the existing law, but in the case of any action now pending against any such union or association, or against any person which is not maintainable on account of the passing of this act, the defendants in such action, or any of them, may apply summarily within a reasonable time to the court or a judge for a discontinuance or dismissal of such action against the plaintiff, or where the defendants do not apply, upon payment of a proportionate part of such costs, such proportionate part to be fixed by the court or judge.

Where no such application for discontinuance or dismissal is made within a reasonable time, the action shall be tried and decided as if this act had never been passed; provided, however, that where the action includes other causes of action outside of the purview of this act, the action may be discontinued or dismissed, so far only as it is affected by the foregoing sections 2 to 5 inclusive, and the costs to be paid shall, in such case, be varied accordingly, as the court or judge may direct.

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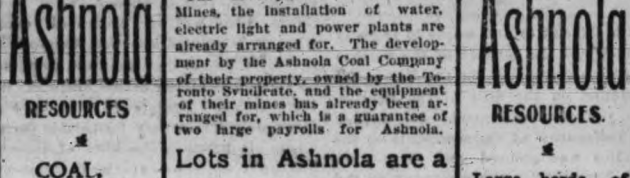
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DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS.

It is difficult to find words to properly characterize the conduct of the persons who were responsible for the disgraceful exhibition on the floor of the Legislature yesterday afternoon. No wonder the indignation of the occupants of the galleries was aroused and there were loud demands for the ejection of the individual who commenced an unseemly brawl in the midst of devotional exercises which seem to be very much out of place in the assembly as at present constituted. The government should retire its chaplain until it is able to maintain the dignity and decorum which should properly attend the offering of petitions to the Almighty.

We believe it will be the opinion of all unbiased persons that ultimately the responsibility for the brawl on the floor of the House yesterday must rest upon the Speaker and upon the government. Some power must be responsible for the ordering of affairs generally in the House. As a rule it may be true, especially in cases where all members have a manly, not to say gentlemanly, regard for the rights and privileges of others, that the relations of the House adjust themselves automatically. But in case of dispute—and until certain elements are finally cast out of our public life there will continue to be disputes and squabbles—the dominant party must be prepared to exercise its power and the authority vested in it for the maintenance of order and decorum in the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly.

In the British House of Commons the Speaker is the personification of authority. Seldom indeed is it that his arrival upon a scene of turmoil fails to reduce the warring factions to an appearance of peace and tranquillity. Why was it that Speaker Pooley failed in his duty yesterday and the government sat apathetically, ashamed of itself, ashamed of the proceedings, ashamed of the men at whose mercy it is, utterly impotent and completely discredited? The Attorney-General did once rise and attempt to throw oil upon the troubled waters, but when Mr. Martin intimated that he was not disposed to accept conciliation, he subsided at once and meekly intimated, in effect, that he did not mean to offend. The Finance Minister, or Acting Provincial Secretary, was not aware that it was part of his business to supervise the seating of the members, and cast the responsibility for the changes that had been made upon the sergeant-at-arms, who, fortunately for the government, was not able to take part in the "debate." Now what is the reason the Speaker refused to exercise his unquestioned authority and order the disputing members to temporary seats until passion had subsided and an amicable arrangement could be made? Simply because the ministers dared not oppose Mr. Martin, who holds their political lives in the hollow of his hands. They are at his mercy. He can turn them out at any moment. These are the conditions under which the government of British Columbia is now carried on. The proceedings of yesterday confirm, if confirmation be necessary, the necessity for a change of government.

With the shuffling of desks which precipitated the row yesterday the public is not concerned. The Times has not been a particularly warm admirer of the cause of Mr. McBride. But Mr. McBride is the recognized leader of an opposition which constitutes very nearly half of the House, and he is entitled to the seat which custom in every Canadian legislature, from the Dominion Parliament down, accords to such a position. He took no part in the fracas yesterday. He simply maintained his position as dignified a manner as the circumstances of the case would permit. Mr. Martin has not only by his acts, but in words which can be authenticated, relinquished the post of leader of the op-

position. He must regret the course to which he now finds himself committed, or he would not be constantly assuming the role of opposition leader by his acts, such as ascending the motion which made Mr. Pooley Speaker and conducting that gentleman to the chair in company with that tried and true friend of early days, Mr. Price Ellison. We really do not wonder at Mr. Martin being ashamed of his position as master of such an administration. We do not blame him for refusing to sit in its midst. But the rights of the opposition must be maintained. Besides the government will surely need the kindly counsel of the able member for Vancouver before the session is ended, and it does not look well for the Attorney-General to be seen tripping across the aisle at irregular intervals to find out whether the proceedings meet with the master's approbation.

Looking at the whole situation dispassionately—an incomplete, utterly incompetent government, dependent upon an uncertain element for every hour of its existence; a House far from representative, yet with two seats vacant; feelings so bitter between members that there is liable to be almost continuous turmoil and strife; the acts of the government of doubtful validity because of the vacancies in its ranks, vacancies which it cannot fill without exposing itself to certain defeat—is it not time for some higher authority to intervene and order the government to either comply with the constitution or resign?

A DISGRUNTLED GANG.

The opposition at Ottawa was not satisfied with the speech from the throne. It does not contain enough "meat" for them. They will be displeased even when it is pointed out that the speech is a mere formal document and contains no indication of the actual business of the session. The speech read by Sir Henri Joly was a very formidable document. It promised all sorts of things, but we venture to say the government of this province will undertake to deal with very few of the matters therein mentioned. There are a great variety of other matters, it is understood, with which the opposition find fault. At one time they say the government has no policy. They will sail off on another tack and condemn in thunderous Tupperian tones the policy that is alleged to have been stolen from the Conservative party, which, it came from such a source, must necessarily have been perfect and unassailable. One leader says the tariff has not been reduced at all, that it is all intents and purposes the same that should have brought prosperity to Canada, and would have done so but for unpardonable circumstances; another claims that certain industries are being ruined because of the cut that has been made. The cotton men and the woolen men are threatening to close up their mills unless more protection be given them. It is all very confusing, because not even the most enthusiastic opponent of the government can reconcile all the conflicting statements.

It is perfectly plain that the British preference has reduced the duties on certain imports by one-third. We know that as far as possible the raw material necessary to stimulate manufacturing in Canada has been placed upon the free list. A large addition to this list was made not much more than a week ago. This has stimulated many lines of manufactures and must be given credit to some extent for much of the activity of the present day. The free list is very much larger than under the N. P. We may therefore assume that it is not the National Policy that in the hands of strangers is producing the present marvellous trade expansion. But, when we come to think of it, there is a Tory school that denies that the country is prosperous. In support of their position they point out that some of the Eastern provinces are not gaining in population. It would be useless to explain to them that in all the countries of the world where settlement is completed agricultural communities are affected in the same way. Statistics show that the agricultural counties of Britain are losing population and that there is a substantial increase in the manufacturing centres. This movement is produced by natural causes. It does not seem very long since all the grain grown in Great Britain was cut with the common reaping "hook." Under this system armies of laborers were employed at harvest time. The hook was replaced by the scythe, the scythe by the horse reaper, with a man perched upon it pushing off the sheaves with a rake. Then followed the self-acting flitter, which culminated in the self-binder. On the farm automatic machinery has driven the hand-workers out of the business, hence the rapid depopulation of districts. But the production has not been decreased at all. It continues to increase and to meet the demands of the world for food. The farmers of Canada are more prosperous than they ever were. The government has enabled them to reach remunerative markets and the mortgages are being rapidly paid off. Though manufacturers are working over time and farmers multiplying their operations, the foreign trade of the country has more than doubled in six years. Mr. Foster says this is merely an increase in values. Others say it is merely Canada's share in the good times that have struck the continent. The foreign trade of the United States has decreased during the last two years, while that of Canada has shown



a remarkable growth. How, then, can it be a wave of prosperity extending over the whole continent?

The fact is our Tory friends have made up their minds to cavil. They will affect to groan and shake their heads dramatically for a number of years yet. They want capital to come in along with population to develop our resources, yet they object to American investors because they are conspiring to seize our railways and other works and use them against us, and they are afraid of American immigrants because they may try to upset our political system. The best way is to let them alone. It is useless to attempt to reconcile them to conditions over which they have no control.

AN IMPORTANT INTERVIEW.

On the 5th of September, 1901, a reporter of the Times interviewed Mr. Joseph Martin in regard to the change in the political situation created by the decision of the Dunsmuir government to take Mr. J. C. Brown into its cabinet. The interview was in part as follows:

The quondam leader of the opposition was seen to-day and asked if the reports appearing in the Vancouver press accurately represented his attitude to the re-habilitated administration. He replied that they did, and that he was fully in accord with the government as at present constituted.

"Then you will resign your post as leader of the opposition," was suggested.

"Yes, certainly," he replied, "there is no position that I am aware of with the exception of perhaps Smith Curtis and E. C. Smith."

He was asked if his views were sufficiently in accord with the policy of the government to admit of his accepting a portfolio, provided one was offered him, and it suited his convenience to do so. He at once replied that they were, but added that at the present time he certainly would not accept a portfolio. He wished to be distinctly understood on that point.

When Mr. Brown's accession to the cabinet was suggested he had agreed to support him and the administration, and he intended to do so. He considered the exception of perhaps Smith Curtis and E. C. Smith.

He was asked if his views were sufficiently in accord with the policy of the government to admit of his accepting a portfolio, provided one was offered him, and it suited his convenience to do so. He at once replied that they were, but added that at the present time he certainly would not accept a portfolio. He wished to be distinctly understood on that point.

In the House yesterday the ex-leader of the opposition denied that the above, correctly expressed his opinions and that he had ever read the interview as it appeared. In this respect the honorable gentleman's memory is somewhat at fault. He secured a copy of the Times on the evening of the 5th of September, and it would be an extraordinary thing indeed if he did not read that interview, and it would be more extraordinary still, if, having read it, he did not repudiate the statements therein contained when they referred to a matter of so much importance to him as a public man. It is also very extraordinary that it is only now when circumstances have arisen not at all to the liking of the honorable gentleman, when he finds himself merely a supporter of what might be termed a weak and impotent administration, with no prospect of being called upon as a leader in succession to it when the psychological moment arrives, that he takes the opportunity of conveniently repudiating the whole thing. But that interview was the work of an experienced, able and reliable man, and it stands. The words are the words of Mr. Joseph Martin, follower of Mr. Dunsmuir, and it is now too late to repudiate them.

William Wallace Bruce-McInnes is the Dugald Dalgetty of public life. The blood of warriors flows in his veins, and he is ready at all times to place himself at the service of any party which requires a valiant fighter of "strident" voice and unlimited lung power. These thoughts are suggested by the perusal of some speeches delivered during the recent general election campaign when Mr. Dunsmuir and Mr. McInnes were not exactly in accord. The orator from Nanaimo would not even commit himself to the service of Mr. Martin in those days. He preferred to wait and see who came out on top. Of course it would not do for the modern warrior to be as frank in regard to his principles as the valiant Dugald.

The government has not yet succeeded in inducing a candidate to take the field in its behalf, but it has tried hard enough and it deserves credit for that. The list of men known to have been approached is a very long one. How many others have refused is merely a matter of conjecture. Our list includes Messrs. Holmcken, Drury, Prior, Grahame, Hayward, Hunter and Milne. The programme appears to be about exhausted. Would it not be a proper and dignified thing

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for the government to manfully acknowledge that it is beaten and resign?

The office boy essayed to describe in verse the scene in the House yesterday afternoon. His steed fell down in attempting to clear the form of the stalwart junior from Vancouver:

Then out stepped the bold Gilmour,
A man of staid and sterner frame;
"Is there a man would claim my seat?"
I should like to hear his name."

And his brow became dark with anger,
He thrust forth his mighty arm,
The throng shrunk back in terror,
The Speaker betrayed alarm.

His voice it pealed like a foghorn,
His face it shone like a flame,
The House was awed in silence
As he shook his terrible mane.

JAPANESE DIVING BELLES.

To learn that there is a new woman in the Far East is somewhat startling. Yet, by perusing an interesting article, "Japanese Diving Belles," in the Lady's Magazine, we learn that in the Far East there is a group of villages in which women is the wage-earner, the man being made to stay at home, look after the house, and take care of the children.

"I first heard of the Japanese new woman, who, by the way, isn't at all peninsular on the west coast that juts out into the Japan sea."

"I had been knocking about there for a couple of months, and lost my identity as a foreigner altogether. I learned something of the language, and turned so brown that I was sure I should never lose my tan again."

"I lived in a temple. The priests I lived with were of the Han-wan sect, and had wives, and their wives could cook. Board and lodging cost me twelve shillings a month."

"Through the good offices of these priests I made friends in many conditions of life. Those who attracted me the most were some fishermen who came down from a cluster of tiny hamlets along the coast."

"I noticed the women at the temple several times, but there were never any men with them. Women from other places came with their husbands. These women didn't, but they had children who called them mamma, so I knew that last session it was a fortunate thing that last session it was a fortunate thing that last session it was a fortunate thing."

"One evening, as my greatest friend among the priests sat with me enjoying a feast offered up that day to the astral body of the dead headmistress of the village, I learned the reason."

"My friend was born in one of these hamlets, and would have been there yet if his mother hadn't said that he should be a priest. His mother, mind you, not his father. That sounded queer, for he had been in the country so long that I had forgotten that women had a word to say."

"Yes," my friend went on, as he rubbed his hand over his shaven poll, "there was a good thing for me, because a man doesn't have a good time down there. He has to stay in the house, for keeping things clean and to do the cooking. That is because he can't swim. At least, he can't swim as well as a woman. My mother can swim two days in the busy season and not be used up, but my father would be tired out if he stayed in the water six hours."

"That's the way the women earn a living," added the priest. "If none of these people could swim they would have to go somewhere else, for there is no other work to do there. These shell-fish that you like so well, he said, picking up a portion of the offering to the august departed, come from there. They are difficult to get. The women go down fifty to a hundred feet after them. While the woman is diving for shell-fish, the man is at home caring for the house. That's the custom in every household."

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THE GERMAN ARMY.

From a return lately laid before the Reichstag it appears that last year 194,540 young men became nominally available for service in the forces of the German Empire. From this number, however, large deductions had to be made; 135,168 men had emigrated without leave, and 97,819 were absent without leave from other causes; 573,799 were set back for a year, 25,175 had entered the army, and 1,290 the navy as volunteers; 82,110 were detailed for Ersatz Reserve, others were found medically unfit, others were disqualified for other causes, so that finally only 222,607 were drafted into the army and 6,184 into the navy.—London United Service Gazette.

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20 Pieces Satin Coat Lining, in fancy stripes, were 75c Wednesday, 35c
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LORD SALISBURY.
The Premier Who Has Held Office For Nearly Five Thousand Days.

Lord Salisbury, who has entered on his seventy-second year, enjoys the remarkable distinction of having guided the helm of state for a longer period than any British premier for the last hundred years.

When he celebrated his last birthday he had approached within twenty-one days of the late Mr. Gladstone's record for the premiership; and now he has not only passed it by three hundred-odd days, but he has actually beaten the Earl of Liverpool's famous Tory ministry, which endured for nearly fifteen years.

At seventy-two he still holds the helm of state with as much firmness as ever. Since 1885, when he became premier for the first time, he has held that office for a total period of over 4,841 days, being nearest approached in the matter by the above mentioned Earl of Liverpool's record of 4,680 days.

Then comes Mr. Gladstone's record of 4,489 days, Lord Palmerston's of 3,484 days, Lord Beaconsfield's of 2,528 days, and Lord Melbourne's of 2,492 days.

Against these figures it is interesting to note that Lord Rosebery, towards whom the nation continues to look with an expectant eye for the future, only held office for 486 days.

Two premiers have held office during the last 100 years for shorter periods than this: Canning had six months of power in 1827, and Lord Ripon seven months in the following year.

Few men in any country have wielded power for such a remarkably long period as Lord Salisbury, and though Mr. Gladstone was the record premier of the record reign, the present helmsman of our ship of state has not only surpassed the former's record, but also boasts the rare distinction of having been premier in two centuries and under two British Sovereigns.

Thus, if His Lordship has time to think for a moment of himself in those rare intervals when the cares of state do not press heavily upon him, he must be one of the proudest men in the kingdom. To be the record premier of modern British is an achievement indeed.

Such length of service has, naturally, not failed to leave its mark on the physique of the venerable statesman, who is to-day almost patriarchal in appearance.

The beard and hair are quite white, while the "Cecil stoop" is more pronounced than ever.

Considering that he has never gone in for athletics, however, few men of his years who have held responsible and arduous offices could boast so hale and hearty an appearance.

Not only has Lord Salisbury had the spending of £1,000,000,000 of public money, but it is also estimated that he must have dealt with close on a round million public dispatches.—London Express.

NEW RULES OF PROCEDURE.

Proposed Changes Outlined By Mr. Balfour Government Leader in the Commons.

The introduction of the new rule of procedure in the Imperial parliament attracted such a gathering within the historic walls of St. Stephen's as is only seen three or four times in the session—on the budget night for example or on the eve of a division of some importance. Mr. Balfour's speech on the occasion was studiously moderate and extremely interesting. It occupied an hour and a half in delivering. He began, says the parliamentary correspondent of the London Daily News, with a passing allusion to the mood of the times in the middle of the eighteenth century, when the difficulty was not to check the flow of oratory, but to induce it to flow at all. In those days there was no question of criticizing a vote. The difficulty was to get a quorum sufficiently interested to attend and pass it through. Mr. Broderick, with memories and forebodings doubtless crowding in upon him, gave a little cheer. "Ah!" said Mr. Balfour, sympathetically, "those days have long gone by." In 1800 supply was voted in a single day. In 1801 it was the work of 161 days. In 1800 not a single question was asked from the chair. A century later members occupied no less than twelve eight-hour days in perambulating the division lobbies. This question of divisions was one of the first dealt with by Mr. Balfour. He admitted that the time occupied in dividing, where a division was necessary, could not be much curtailed, but frivolously-challenged divisions were a waste of the time of the House. The new rules would, therefore, abrogate the power of taking divisions on the formal question of reporting supply, and on second and third reading stages of bills, when the

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amendment is simply one for rejection, no second division will be allowed. The process of taking the names of members in cases where the Speaker thinks a division has been frivolously called is to be abolished, as it often takes longer than a division itself, and is fruitful of much confusion.

Having indicated one or two minor changes, Mr. Balfour came to the question of conflicts with the chair and disorderly conduct. Here the Irish members picked up their ears, and Mr. Balfour went on to sketch his remedy. For the first offence the new rules propose 20 days' suspension, for the second 30, as against terms of a week and 40 days under the present rules. But in the case of a member guilty of "gross disorderly conduct," Mr. Balfour did not think he ought to be readmitted to the ranks until he had communicated his regret to the Speaker—a regret which, I am sure—at least, I hope—added Mr. Balfour, in response to some incredulous laughter below the gangway opposite—"he always feels."

Mr. Balfour was careful to make it clear that these days of banishment meant days on which the House was sitting, irrespective of holidays, adjournments, and prorogations. Another burst of laughter and some ironical cheering greeted this last shot.

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NOTICE.

The annual general meeting of the Victoria Garrison Artillery Rifle Association will be held in the Men's Room, Trill Hall, on Monday, March 3rd, at 8:30 p. m.

ANNUAL MEETING
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 25, 5 a. m.—The extensive low barometer area which covered the western portion of the continent yesterday has developed into a widespread storm, with a centre of 28.80 inches off the Washington coast. It is causing southerly gales and rain from San Francisco to Cape Henry, and the winds are increasing to gales on the Straits of Juan de Fuca. The barometer is also abnormally low across the continent to the Great Lakes.

Forecast.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southerly gales, mostly cloudy, followed by rain. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, increasing to gales on the Gulf coast, with rain.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.14; temperature, 45; minimum, 43; wind, 30 miles E.; rain, 12; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.30; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, 26; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.32; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, 10; weather, clear.

Markerville—Barometer, 29.20; temperature, 26; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, fair.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.72; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 22 miles E.; rain, 26; weather, rain.

The regular monthly meeting of Post No. 1, Native Sons of B. C., will be held this evening at 8 o'clock at K. of P. hall. Business of importance is to come before the Post, including the installation of officers for the ensuing term. After the disposal of the business of the evening the members will be guests of the newly-installed officers at an impromptu banquet.

The members of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, held an enjoyable social last evening. An excellent programme was carried out. Mr. Griffin and Misses Sprin, McFarlane, King and Cowper contributed to the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served during the evening. The regular monthly business meeting will be held next Monday.

Last night a very enjoyable social time was spent by the Epworth League of the Metropolitan Methodist church at the parsonage, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the society by the pastor for the occasion. Games of all kind and music whiled away the time very pleasantly. Refreshments being served during the evening, and it was not until the hands of the clock had very nearly reached the hour of 11 that the merry-making party broke up.

Marked improvement, the block pavement will be commenced in the near future, the permanent causeway is progressing rapidly, the bridge promises an early settlement, the Capital Cigar Company everything, the demand for which is a marked improvement.

All aboard for Crofton, the new steaming centre. On and after February 25, a daily passenger and freight service will be inaugurated between Victoria and Crofton and way ports, by first-class steamer, connecting with V. & S. railway. Trains will leave the V. & S. station at 7:45 a. m.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough and Mrs. Barraclough will give an "At Home" in the school room of the Centennial church to-morrow night. A good programme has been prepared, and the ladies of the church will provide refreshments. A collection will be taken in aid of the funds of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Cheap rates from all points East via Northern Pacific Railway Company; effective "at once." The Northern Pacific Railway company will sell tickets from all Eastern points at reduced rates on account of "The Home-seekers' Excursions." If you intend sending for anyone to come to Victoria, B. C., call on C. E. Lang, general agent, corner Yates and Government streets.

Rev. W. H. Barraclough, pastor of the Centennial Methodist church, has received an invitation to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Kamloops, his term having just expired. He has been invited to remain another year, but has not accepted. A fifth year invitation is very unusual, the only Methodist clergyman who has served that long in the city being Rev. Solomon Cleaver, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church. This invitation speaks volumes for the popularity of Rev. Mr. Barraclough, who numbers his friends by the legion, not only in local Methodist but in the many other denominations of the city. He has also received a call to the Victoria West Methodist church. His successor at Centennial church will be Rev. Mr. Westman, of Vernon.

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To-night in Temperance hall lovers of antiquity and beauty in dress, literature and song will have a rare opportunity to enjoy all three at "Ye Olde Folke's Concert." The costumes are gems, the performers are all well known for their ability in their several lines, the platform will be arranged as a large drawing room, with some beautiful furniture and furnishings, and everything will be of the most lavish and recherché procurable. The programmes are unique and well worth the price of admission as souvenirs. Eight o'clock prompt. Father Singwell with Dame Playfair, accompanied by Grandpapa Darcy Takefney and Grandmamma Joan Farewell, will open the entertainment, and it is hoped that all who intend being present will be in their seats promptly; and as seats will be at a premium by that time a word to the wise is sufficient. There are no tickets on sale.

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—The totals of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending February 25th, were \$532,394; clearings, \$173,359; for 1901 the clearings were \$394,128, and for 1900, \$432,034.

—At the meeting of the executive of the District Union Sunday schools, it was decided to hold a convention, W. M. Marchant, president, and J. M. Campbell, secretary, will arrange for the date of the convention.

—Samuel R. Sutton has opened a fine music and piano store, 1001 Fort Street, with a splendid stock of pianos, organs, sewing machines and supplies. He has the exclusive agency for the celebrated Bell pianos and organs, and also rents instruments. His establishment is between Douglas and Blanchard streets.

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The death occurred yesterday at the residence of Henry Hart, No. 21 San Juan avenue, of Mrs. Jane Dadds, wife of William Dadds, the florist. She was a native of Durham county, England, 62 years of age, and came with her husband fifty years ago. Besides her husband in this city she leaves three sisters and three brothers in the Old Country. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. from the family residence, and at 2:30 p. m. from Christ Church Cathedral.

A well attended meeting was held last evening in John Bros.' hall to talk over the advisability of forming an athletic association. After considerable discussion it was decided to do so, and the following officers were elected: President, E. McConnell; secretary-treasurer, T. W. Walker, who will act until regular officers are elected. It was decided that the baseball team will commence practice at once, a committee being appointed to secure grounds and purchase necessary supplies. Messrs. McConnell and E. Hughes were elected captains and secretaries, respectively. The colors of the association are red and black.

The Navy League have made a good move in holding their public meeting on "Ladysmith Day," 28th inst., thus making it a very double event, celebrating the relief of Ladysmith in the South African campaign as well as putting forth the aims and objects of the league. Hon. B. W. Pearce's paper on the "Influence of Sea Power in History" will be followed by discussion interspersed with music and song. Messrs. Gideon Hicks & Co. have been selected to use one of Mason & Rich's pianos for the occasion. The secretary states that he has already received a large number of replies to the invitations, among them His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Joly de Lotbiniere and party, His Worship the Mayor, Hon. Senator and Mrs. Macdonald, military officers and others, who have signified their intention to be present.

If Tit Bits has a correspondent anywhere in Canada he is derelict in his duty if he does not put that spicy little publication in possession of a few facts. The following clipping gives an idea of just how much Tit Bits knows about this part of the world: "Foggy than London—Esquimaut is the only place in the British Empire, according to a recent climatological report, that exceeds London in cloudiness. Esquimaut is also the dampest place in the Empire, while Adelaide, in Australia, is the driest. Ceylon is the hottest and Northwest Canada the coldest possession that the British flag floats over." Victorians do not cure a button how dry Adelaide is, or how hot Ceylon is, but they draw the line at the statement that Esquimaut is foggy than London. The climatological report that contains such a slander must be an interesting document if this glittering inaccuracy is a specimen of its general character. The next thing to be said is that Victoria is as wet as Vancouver.

This morning's session of the police court was of an unusually protracted character, nearly four hours having been occupied before an adjournment was taken. The principal case was that of the four boys charged with the theft of nearly five hundred pounds of chain from William's wharf. The chain had been brought in sections to B. Aaronson's junk store on Store street, who was told by the boys that it had been found in a ditch. The case was ultimately remanded until to-morrow. A drunk was fined \$5 or ten days, and a woman was issued for a vagrant, who was called, but did not appear. The four boys charged with theft are Albert Cole, Albert Earle, Albert Dick and Emyle Olsen. They are not strangers to the police.

The Toronto city council has passed Aid Oliver's motion to offer the gas company \$214 per share to sell out.

There was a caucus of the members of the opposition in the maple room this morning, when matters of interest to the party were further discussed. In accordance with the amendment offered by Mr. McInnes last night, which was endorsed by the House, the seats of the members have been restored to the positions they occupied last session. Mr. Martin's desk is in its old place with Mr. McBride beside him, where Mr. Brown formerly sat, and Mr. Curtis on his left. Capt. Tatlow has exchanged seats with Mr. Kidd, Mr. Murphy with Mr. Hall, and Mr. Prentice has moved up to the place formerly occupied by Mr. Turner. Mr. Gifford sits below Mr. Neill at the extreme end of the back row of the opposition.

The House as at present constituted seems incapable of supporting a strong government. Even the friends of the present administration admit that effective legislation is impossible with the present support of the executive. The government has, strictly speaking, only a baker's dozen of straight supporters, and one of these is the Speaker, reducing their voting strength to twelve. The opposition is the strongest body numerically in the legislature.

A candidate has not yet been secured for the government in the Victoria by-election, and the outlook is that a man will not be found of sufficient strength or tenacity to offer himself for sacrifice. His Worship the Mayor, Gordon Hunter, K.C., and Dr. Mine are understood to have successively declined the honor.

The case of the young lad Bates, charged with theft, will be heard in the police court to-morrow.

—Steamer Churmer left Vancouver at 1:20 o'clock this afternoon, having connected with the eastern train.

A lecture will be given before the Victoria Literary and Debating Society in the lecture room of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to-morrow night. The subject of the lecture will be "Kipling."

Last evening Mrs. Black and Miss Okell were presented with handsome bouquets by the members of the Victoria West Methodist Sabbath school, in recognition of their meritorious services in connection with the Christmas entertainment.

Fernwood Intermediates and Boys' Brigade teams met in a basketball game in the V. A. C. hall to-night, commencing at 8 o'clock. The Fernwoods are as follows: Joe Hancock and Frank Merryfield, forwards; R. Peden, centre; Knight and H. Neelands (captain), guards.

On her last outward voyage to the Orient, the steamer Queen Adelaide met with a series of mishaps. Advice from Singapore, where he has just arrived, say that she met with sundry losses and damage. The steamer was also slightly damaged by collision and by striking a rock, and had sprung a leak, besides injuring the ballast tanks. The extent of the damages will not be known until after the cargo has been taken out.

Information is published in the Sound papers which arrived on the Rosalia this morning of another important placer strike in the North. The report is of a new find being made on an unnamed tributary of the White River, over the divide on the Dalton trail, more than a hundred miles from Dawson. It is said that the find consists of coarse gold that runs \$25 to the pan. A stampede immediately took place from Selkirk when the news of the strike reached there.

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MEN OF VICTORIA
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ON VANCOUVER ISLAND

Mr. Croft Urges Business Men to Interest Themselves in District Tributary to City.

At the meeting of the board of trade last week the matter of the development of Vancouver Island was discussed. The members present agreed that it was most important that the people of Victoria should interest themselves more in the development of the island, especially that part south of Comox. The public generally do not seem to appreciate the importance of a greater cultivation of the Mount Sicker and other island fields from a Victorian point of view. Development to date has demonstrated that the mining camps reasonably adjacent to Victoria are well worth taking interest in, and if not allowed to be entirely controlled by outside capitalists will do much in making Victoria a great city.

Henry Croft, M. E., to whose efforts is chiefly due the making of Mount Sicker an important mining district, was seen by a Times representative today and asked for an expression of opinion regarding how Victoria could secure the greatest advantage from the exploitation of the Mount Sicker mines.

Mr. Croft said: "The fact that Victorians at the present time have even fit to invest in distant fields was brought up at the recent meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade, and the general impression was that it would be far more to the advantage of the people of Victoria, especially its merchants, if they were to exert their energies in building up that part of Vancouver Island, which, if developed, would be controlled by Victorians beyond doubt. Some few years ago, when the mining boom was on in British Columbia, people were only too anxious to invest in cheap stock of mining companies owning the properties of which very little was known.

The Mount Sicker district is an example of a camp which has, with hardly an exception, been brought to its present state of development without any stock being sold in the local market. This, to a great extent, occurs also on the West Coast of the island, which has been, with only one or two exceptions, developed with American capital.

"The principal work in the Mount Sicker district has been done by the Lenora Company, of which no stock is on the market. The Tyee Company, which nearly all the stock is owned in England, has got its development money there. The capital of the Mount Sicker & B. C. Company is chiefly from Glasgow. The Mount Sicker & Brenton Mines Company, owning the Copper Canyon group, and others has been developed principally by one man. Only a few shares of the Tyee & Mount Sicker Company are on the market. None of the Lenora Company shares are for sale, and the Mount Sicker & Brenton Company are practically the only low price shares on the market.

"The Americans are gradually getting control of the mines on the island, and it seems to me a great want of confidence in their own resources that we Victorians taking the lead, instead of allowing the Americans to outstep them out of the positions which really are theirs by heritage.

"There is no doubt that a number of valuable properties in the Mount Sicker district are kept in an undeveloped state by reason of the present mining laws which allow any person to hold mining claims in perpetuity after being given granted by paying the present tax of 25 cents an acre per annum.

"I know of two lots of claims, aggregating nearly 1,800 acres in Mount Sicker district, which are owned by two syndicates; hardly any work has been done on these, and if the act was changed so that people could not let claims lie idle after being Crown granted, I feel sure that there would be people who would be only too glad to develop them if they could secure them by some means without having to pay exorbitant prices to the present owners."

Mr. Croft concluded.

Dr. Cowart, medical health officer of Vancouver, Ont., and one of its most prominent citizens, died of pneumonia.

John W. Cook, who has been identified with the cheese export business for the past quarter of a century, died at Ingersoll, Ont., on Sunday.

HE WANTS LITERATURE.

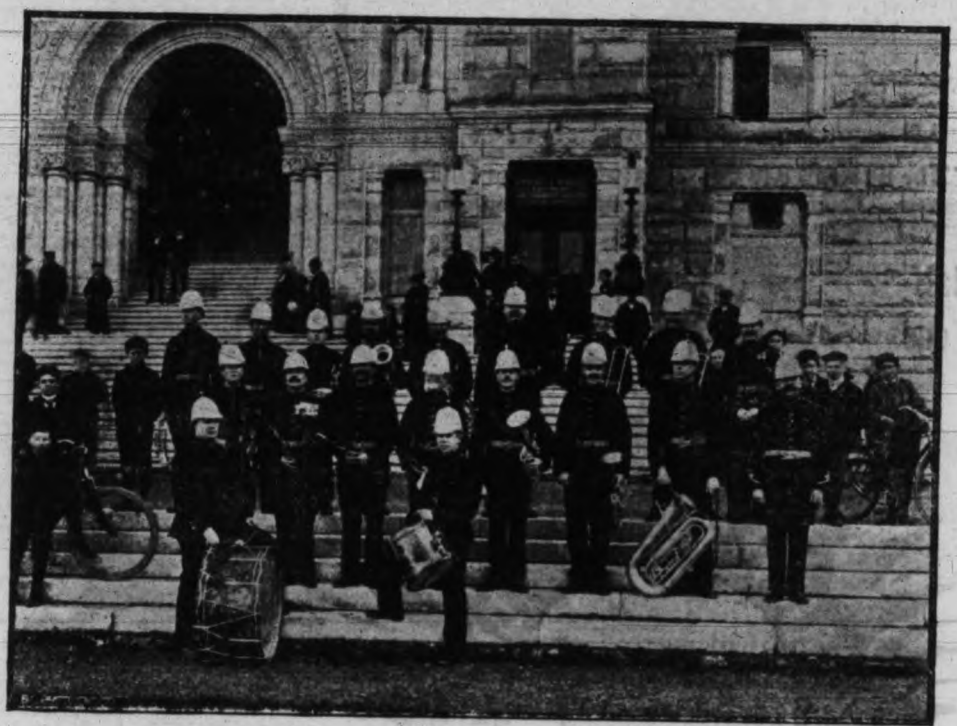
J. H. Turner Asks for Information Regarding Mines.

In a letter from J. H. Turner, Agent-General in London, it is announced that Angus K. Smart, who so successfully arranged the mineral exhibits at Paris and Glasgow, is preparing a large and comprehensive exhibit for the Royal exhibition in London, which opens in March. Mr. Turner finds a great demand for short pamphlets dealing with the mining and agricultural possibilities of this province, and asks for something less bulky than the annual reports from the departments. There is a renewed interest in British Columbia in England, and he believes that there will shortly be a large tourist and emigrant travel to the province. The department of mines has issued a general review of mining in British Columbia, which should meet Mr. Turner's requirements. It gives a concise description of the various mining interests in the province. A large number of the brochure will be sent to Mr. Turner.

STORM THREATENED.

Barometer Falls Low and Bad Weather Prophesied—Warning to Shipping Men.

Navigators were studying their barometers this morning, and looking forward with considerable expectancy to a severe wind storm during the afternoon. Last night the Portland weather bureau gave warning to mariners not to proceed to sea for twenty-four hours, that a storm was brewing, and would be felt all along the coast. The local meteorological station also displayed storm signals this morning. The office reported that the extensive low barometer area which covered the western portion of the continent yesterday had developed into a



THE BAND OF THE FIFTH REGIMENT, CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

Photo by J. T. Legg.

Personal.

Mrs. F. A. Cooper and 14 members of the Florence Roberts company are at the Dominion. Mrs. Cooper will be remembered by music loving Victorians who enjoyed "Circles" by local amateurs a few years ago. Mrs. Cooper was then a resident of the city and had charge of the performance.

Ben. Gordon, Hiram Walker & Son's representative in the province, returned yesterday from a three month trip to South America, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Gordon was taking a well earned holiday, and he is now as fit and energetic as ever.

William Baird returned from the North on the Cottage City this morning for the first time in four years. He has been engaged in a hotel business in the Northern capital, and has been very successful.

Miss Pitt, who has been conducting the Alderlea hotel at Dunsmuir, has decided to engage in the general merchandise business and is in the city purchasing goods. He is registered at the Dominion.

Miss Pitt returned from Stratford, Ontario, who has been here, has been extended a visit to her sister, Mrs. Robert Lowe, of upper Johnson street, left on Sunday night for her home in the city.

J. C. McCall, of Hammond, is at the Dominion. He is one of the delegates to the Central Farmers' Institute. He has recovered from his recent indisposition and is now on duty again.

H. C. Bellinger, Mrs. Bellinger and Miss Bellinger returned yesterday from a brief visit to the Sound.

J. J. White, the station agent at Sidney, registered at the Dominion last evening.

Florence Roberts and several members of her company are at the Dominion.

According to the Newcastle Journal, there is a curious Bible in the church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is a manuscript Bible, and was brought originally from Hexham Abbey. In the latter half of the 15th century the church authorities had organ case of St. Nicholas's, whereupon a chain was attached to it in the old fashion. This chain, having been found in or about the church, is supposed to have been attached to a Bible that, in the old days, was chained to the lectern in St. Nicholas's.

There is no form of kidney trouble, from a backache down to Bright's disease, that DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS will not relieve or cure.

At an inquest at Brentford, Eng., on a young schoolmaster named Bee, who committed suicide by cutting his throat. It was stated that the deceased had held a Queen's scholarship at Oxford. While at college he was a member of a society of students who were known as the "Bee" society. The young man was a very bright and capable student, and was very popular with his fellow students. He was found dead in his room, and the cause of death was determined to be self-inflicted.

Legal Intelligence.

Mr. Justice Drake presided in Chambers this morning, when the following applications were disposed of:

Davis vs. McDowell—Adjourned application for postponement of trial and for a commission was further adjourned to be heard before Mr. Justice Walkem.

W. H. Langley for plaintiff; A. C. Anderson for defendant.

Lewis vs. Lewis—An application by defendant for an affidavit of documents and for interrogatories was granted, costs reserved. L. Crase for defendant, A. C. White for plaintiff.

Motions.

In Dunsmuir et al vs. Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. et al—F. Peters, K. C., for plaintiffs, moved for an injunction restraining the holding of a meeting of shareholders called for the 20th inst. for the purpose of confirming the election of directors, and also applied for an order for a receiver pending the settlement of matter in dispute.

F. Gregory opposed the motion on behalf of the defendant, A. G. Sargison, and A. P. Luxton on behalf of all other defendants. The argument of the motion is still in progress, the chief contention of the defendants being that as no nominations for directors, other than those elected, were made at the general meeting on the 17th inst., the election must be taken to have been unanimous, and that, as a matter of law, the shares held by the plaintiffs are not in any sense preferred shares, and have not the right claimed of electing three directors out of the board of five.

A Washington dispatch says the United States Supreme court has refused to take jurisdiction in the Northern Securities case, in which the state of Minnesota made application.

THE FARMERS MET
AS A CONVENTION

(Continued from page 6.)

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Central Farmers' Institute resumed its sitting at ten o'clock this morning.

W. H. Ladner, in speaking to his resolution dealing with contagious diseases, made a strong attack upon the present system of dealing with cattle for tuberculosis. He said that the tuberculin test was unnecessary and often injurious and should be abolished. He also attacked the department for its action regarding the enforcement of the Contagious Diseases Act.

Major Mutter resented the attack on Mr. Ladner, and stated that at every meeting of the Institute Mr. Ladner took the same course, without result.

Mr. Miller said that if meat were examined instead of testing union cows, the public would be far better protected.

Mr. Paisley endorsed the position taken by Mr. Ladner, and the Institute should seriously consider whether Mr. Ladner was fairly treated or not.

Major Mutter said that if Mr. Ladner has a grievance against an official he should complain to the government and not to the Institute.

Dr. S. F. Toimie said that no cattle were quarantined unless there was strong suspicion of tuberculosis, and the test was made when the owner of the suspected animal desired it. This was done at the expense of the government.

Dr. Toimie was asked some questions by Mr. Ladner and answered by him.

Ladner's reply was then lost.

Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Paisley seconded, "That this Central Institute urge upon the government—in behalf of the health of the country—the necessity of inspection of all carcasses in slaughter houses and certifying to fitness for food of all carcasses to be so offered, by the duly appointed officers of the government."

Mr. Noble said if inspectors were appointed butchers would not kill meat unfit for food.

Mr. Melhew pointed out that the resolution did not go far enough, as often meat was slaughtered in local slaughter houses.

Several delegates pointed out how impractical the resolution was, as health officers could not examine every carcass. The resolution was, however, carried.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the Institute should recommend from among their number six men to act as the advisory board.

J. P. Collins, of Salt Spring, moved, and W. F. Stewart seconded, "That more literature be distributed to agriculturists and horticulturists."

Mr. Paisley, on behalf of the Chilliack Institute, highly complimented Mr. Anderson for his excellent report and for the good work done by him. He had a hard office to fill, and did his work admirably.

Mr. Melhew also praised the department for the excellent literature sent out.

Mr. Venable endorsed the views already expressed.

Mr. Collins's resolution was altered to express the Institute's appreciation of the literature sent out by the department, and a hope that the good work would be continued.

It was passed in this amended form.

It was then decided to meet on March 11, at the Dominion, to discuss the question of the Central Farmers' Institute.

Capt. Stewart moved, and W. J. Brand seconded, "That the government extend and continue to distribute travelling libraries to farming communities, remove from them old books, replacing them with newer and more up-to-date books, which will be instructive to farmers, and that sufficient appropriation for this purpose be continued."

The different speakers referred to the value of these travelling libraries in the hands of the farmer, and the importance of the subject matter of the government agent or provincial agent relating to irrigation.

The resolution was then carried.

Another resolution was passed urging the Dominion government to assist in the investigation proposed.

A. F. Venable moved, and Isaac Head seconded, "That the government take such steps as will facilitate the supply of blast-furnace powder among the farmers in the following way: By guaranteeing the payment of the powder, placing same in the hands of the government agent or provincial agent, to be sold to the farmer at a price not to exceed the cost of the powder, and sell such powder in the quantity required for strict cash."

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MOORE-RICHARDS—At Phoenix, on Feb. 19th, by Rev. E. P. Fiewelling, Howard Moore and Miss Mary Richards.

DIED.
BLANCHFORD—At Fort Steele, on Feb. 21st, William Blanchford, aged 57 years.

DODDS—At the residence of Mr. Henry Hart, No. 21 San Juan avenue, on the 24th instant, Jane, the beloved wife of William Dodds, a native of County Durham, England, aged 63 years.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above, on Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m., and at Christ Church Cathedral at 2.30 o'clock.

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